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Flag Deseccrated By Nazis!

When a publicity hungry "activist" stood in front of the Confederate Soldiers Monument in Columbia and burned a Southern battle flag, SCV members rose in anger. When the local newspaper acted as an apologist for William T. Sherman, SCV compatriots wasted little time setting the record straight. When a history-deficient football coach decided to publicly push for removal of the flag from the State House grounds, SCV brethren again stood up for their banner.

So why is it when a group of troglodytic never-do-wells waving Nazi banners - the banner that just six decades ago led to death and destruction on scale unparalleled in human history - unfurled a Confederate flag, the SCV's response appeared to be tepid at best?

Actually, the SCV came out quickly and unequivocally against misuse of the Southern banner, but you wouldn't have known that if you'd relied on the media for your information. *The State* newspaper, the Associated Press, WIS-TV and other media outlets all gave the perception

that the SCV couldn't have cared less when the largest Neo-Nazi group in the country flew a battle flag during an April rally in Columbia.

That's because the media wants you to believe there's little difference between lowlifes like the Klan and Neo-Nazis, and legitimate heritage organizations such as the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Some do it out of historical ignorance, but others understand that deliberately distorting the truth not only lets them thumb their noses at the SCV, it also allows them to create controversy, which sells papers and increases ratings.

The fact is, just about every SCV member far and wide from Columbia expressed disgust and anger that a group of hate mongers were holding a rally in Columbia, on *our* Statehouse grounds, and had the gall to wave a Confederate flag.

This is important to recognize because liberals never miss a chance to level the claim that the SCV has been a willing accomplice to groups like the Klan by allowing them to misuse the battle flag repeatedly. Not only is this factually incorrect, but many of those who make this specious assertion conveniently fail to note that Klan rallies invariably have as many U.S. flags on hand as Confederate banners, if not more. The Klan has, in fact, marched near full strength down Pennsylvania Avenue, every Klansman carrying the Stars & Stripes.

But don't expect that to change. The media long ago chose to align itself with the forces of political correctness



over truth. We in the SCV can scream until we're blue in the face, but the myrmidons that run local newspapers, radio stations and television stations are almost all taking their marching orders from somewhere outside South Carolina.

If you need further motivation, think about the second line of *The Charge*: "To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name..." Today, nothing represents the Confederate soldier's good name more tangibly than the Confederate flag.

We can no longer count on the media, the education establishment and the business community to gather

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The "Compromise"!! so what exactly is this thing?

In the years leading up to the ominous Flag fight in the Legislature, both sides were dug in for an all or none battle. The "Bring It Down" crowd was lead by the NAACP who vowed to hold South Carolina economically hostage (yeah, sure!) until the Flag was removed from the dome and placed at a historic location.

The "Keep It Flying" army was lead by the Sons of Confederate Veterans who were determined to keep it on the dome at all cost. There were many in the SCV and others who were prepared to "die on the sword" to keep it up there.

As the long and often heated 2000 legislative session dragged on, the word "compromise" began to appear in the media. Both sides jockeyed for position having stated time and again their respective absolute bottom lines. But compromise seemed inevitable to anyone even casually watching from the sidelines. The only way anything was going happen for either side would be via the time-honored gentleman's method of simply making a "compromise".

Now let's see here, good ole Webster's gives us this:

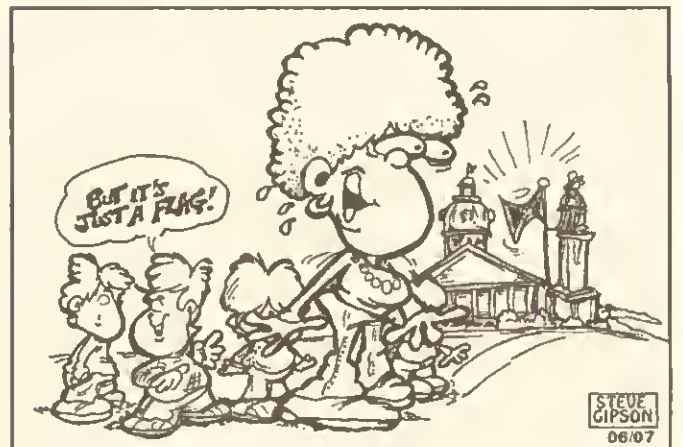
com•pro•mise (kām'prō miz') *n.* 1. a settlement in which each side gives up some demands or makes concessions 2. a) an adjustment of opposing principles, systems, etc. by modifying some aspects of each b) the result of such an adjustment....

So the good Senators and Representatives of our legislative

body huddled and conferred sometimes 'til the wee hours to find common ground. And after much "blood, sweat and tears" they emerged with a bill that would serve everyone as best that could be done. *Ata Da!* The Heritage Act of 2000 was passed and South Carolina could now move on. Neither side was happy but we settled. A **COMPROMISE** was made. Done!

BUT WAIT! There seems to be a problem! Those who demanded the Flag be removed from the dome and placed at a historical location (with major emphasis on "...placed at a historical location") are now not satisfied. Say it ain't so! We were lead to believe that if both sides gave in a little here and there that we could all come to an agreement. And that's what we did! It was called a **COMPROMISE**.

So what's all the latest moaning and groaning really about? Led by the ever-obsessed anti-Confederate, Brad Warthen of *The State* newspaper and Charleston's Mayor Joe Riley, the Flag haters are at it again. Warthen's herky-jerky drum beat on his editorial page everyday is getting old. He's now sunk so low he even features anti-Flag editorials from some far-flung outlets like the *Chicago Tribune*...like we actually gives a rip what some anti-Southern Midwest Yankee thinks about South Carolina. Chicago, now here's a place we can all take lessons on social and civil behavior. And to add more insult, Chicago was home to the infamous Camp Doug-



"Hurry students, cover your little eyes before one of you gets offended and outraged".

las, boasting the largest mass grave ever in the entire Western Hemisphere. Over 6,000 Confederate souls are buried in one single grave! Only Hitler, Stalin, Idi Amin and Pol Pot excel in that sickening category! So, Chicago, go clean up your slums and past human atrocities and stay out of our business!

Mayor Riley's idea has, however, a very warm and fuzzy outward appearance. He'd like to take down the Soldiers Monument and raise one to ALL of S.C.'s war dead flying all the flags they fought under. Creative and out-of-the-box thinking one might say, but the Soldiers Monument is exclusively to the 25,000+ South Carolinians who were called to duty by their state and never ever returned. Any loss to any war is to be honored, memorialized and respectfully remembered. But the sum of all other South Carolina non-Confederate war dead pale in comparison. Read the inscription on the Monument sometime. It speaks volumes. These 25,000 Confederate soldiers deserve a monument of their own...period!

Now most folks think there are only two positions on the

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STANDING GUARD

Randy Burbage
SC Division Commander

I attended my niece Lauren's wedding a couple of weeks ago. She is a very athletic and attractive young lady who could pass for my daughter Hannah's sister most any day. I watched her grow up from a tomboy, who could really play the game of softball, into a fine young lady. In fact, she played softball well enough to earn an athletic scholarship at the College of Charleston.



Sharpsburg 2002, leading the 10th SC Infantry

Anyway, back to the story; the reception was held at the clubhouse in a gated neighborhood on a tidal creek in Mt. Pleasant, a very nice setting for a late afternoon in the Low Country. One of Lauren's uncles from her mothers side of the family and I got into a discussion about Gamecock football. Of course, Spurrier's comments on the Confederate Battle Flag came up. Uncle said, "After Spurrier wins a couple of games, everyone will forget what he said about the flag." I immediately said "Not me, I won't ever forget what he said." Uncle's answer got my attention. He said, "Yea, I know you won't forget but everyone is not like you Randy."

Since that time, I have spent a lot of time thinking about our conversation and have come to the conclusion that everyone is, in fact, not like me...as much as I wish they were. A Gamecock National Championship season in football is not worth trading in the flag at the Soldiers Monument in Columbia, even though I am one of those long suffering fans. I know there are individuals in our state who would cash in the flag for a victory over Georgia or Tennessee. Not me, my heritage is not for sale at any price.

I find myself upset with others at times because they don't share my commitment to preserve our heritage. Our Confederate heritage is a gift from our ancestors who sacrificed everything for a cause they strongly believed in. I don't understand why some Southerners take their heritage for granted, but they do.

There are others who want to join the SCV just to say they are members. They never attend meetings, don't come to Confederate Memorial Day services, and never do anything. Maybe there is a good reason, but I know that we make time for the important things in our lives. Confederate Memorial Day in Columbia is a good example. There were about 400 people in attendance on May 5th, but we needed 4,000 when our heritage is under attack daily.

"What can I do?" you ask? Recruit your sons, grandsons, cousins, brothers, and friends at church to join the SCV. Wear your SCV lapel pin to church and social gatherings. Attend your Camp meetings and get involved. Volunteer to serve as an officer or committee chair. Write letters when attacks on our heritage take place. Study the true history of the South so you can talk strongly and confidently to our detractors when confronted.

As descendants of Confederate Veterans, we have no reason to be ashamed, we don't have anything to apologize for. Defend the Confederate soldiers good name and be guardians of his history. If we don't do it, who do you think will? No one. We are the last line of defense in an all out war on our Confederate heritage. Can your ancestors depend on you? Will you do the right thing? I sure hope so. No one else has the credentials that you have. Our ancestors are counting on you, their very own family members, for help. We must never, never, never ever give up fighting for their honor. Will you join me, men? Are you anything like me?

Standing Guard For Our Ancestors,

Randy B. Burbage

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SC Division Commander

Division Convention Report

John Messer, Adam Ballenger Camp #68

More than 250 SCV compatriots, wives, family, members of United Daughters of the Confederacy and Order of the Confederate Rose, met in Mount Pleasant, for the annual Convention of the South Carolina Division, on March 16th and 17th.

Festivities began with an informal reception and oyster roast on Friday evening on Sullivan's Island, at the Fire Department Recreation Area adjacent to historic Fort Moultrie. Through "covert means" a giant garrison-sized First National Flag flew over Ft. Moultrie from its 150 foot flag pole.

It was quite easy to distinguish between "low-staters", most of who are oyster roast veterans, and "up-staters" and others not well acquainted with such events. Notwithstanding, this event was thoroughly enjoyed by all, with heavy hors d'oeuvres for everyone and hot dogs available for non-oyster gourmets.

The Convention was formally, and appropriately, opened with an 8:00 memorial service at the Confederate Cemetery on Carr Street in. Division Chaplain Ed Westbury of Camden conducted a wonderful and reverent service, marked by an aura of the history of this site, along with ancient, moss laden live oaks, palm trees, weathered tomb stones and markers, and an historic church in the background. Chaplain Westbury delivered a message taken from Joshua, concerning stones, and related this reading to the function of the SCV, that being heritage. After a brief message, all attendees removed a small stone from a container and placed it on the tomb of a Confederate veteran.

Opening ceremony began at 9:30 in historic Alhambra Hall on Middle Street, from which Fort Sumter was visible across the water. The ANV battle flag flew proudly facing the harbor. The opening ceremony was marked by presentation of the colors from 68 camps representing 3,200 members of the South Carolina Division.

The Honorable Harry M. Hallman, gracious Mayor of Mt. Pleasant, welcomed the Division on behalf of the fourth largest

municipality in South Carolina. He then recognized good friend, long-time public servant, friend to all South Carolinians and longstanding SCV member, former state senator and US Congressman Arthur Ravenel. Compatriot/Senator/Congressman Ravenel was instrumental in the inception, planning and erection of the magnificent bridge between Charleston and Mt. Pleasant, which bears his name. Mayor Hallman directed attention to scheduled activities of this past May 22nd, when a ceremony to honor the current 11 armed forces recipients of the Medal of Honor, our nation's highest award, would be conducted in the Medal of Honor Museum on the Yorktown at Patriot's Point.



Commander Howard Chambers of the host Moultrie Camp #27 welcomed all, and thanked Camp #27 compatriots and wives for the hard work they put forth to make the convention both successful and enjoyable.

Theresa Pittman, South Carolina Division President, United Daughters of the Confederacy, gave a rousing speech to the audience, in which she asked the group to welcome others, and also respect their heritage, but at the same time asking others to respect our heritage, including the Christian heritage, which we will not surrender.

Others giving greetings included: Andrea Wolfe, President of the South Carolina Society, Order of the Confederate Rose; Steve Wolfe (Lexington), State Commander, South Carolina Society, Military Order of the Stars & Bars; William Baber (Charleston), 2nd Vice President,

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South Carolina Division Sons of Confederate Veterans

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The Sons of Confederate Veterans is not a hate group. The South Carolina Division SCV does not knowingly allow anyone with ties to hate groups join and has removed, and will remove, anyone from its ranks who expresses racist sentiments. Specifically, the following is not allowed and will be grounds for immediate dismissal:

Attempting to recruit fellow SCV members for racist organizations such as the Ku Klux Klan, American Nazi Party or National Alliance.

Membership in any racist organization such as the Ku Klux Klan, American Nazi Party or National Alliance.

Disseminating racist literature to fellow SCV members by mail or in person.

Membership in any organization promoting a violent overthrow of the United States government.

ALL MEMBERS MUST BE AWARE OF THESE RESTRICTIONS, AS THEY WILL BE RIGOROUSLY ENFORCED.

Loving the South and defending its culture, symbols and heritage **DOES NOT MEAN HATE**. In fact, many SCV members are descendants of African-American, Catholic, Jewish, Native American and Asian Confederates. These groups' contributions to Southern culture have made the South a beautiful and unique region. To deny their descendants membership in our organization would betray our principles and the very ancestors we honor. We welcome all descendants of Confederate Soldiers, Sailors and Marines or those who materially aided the South in its struggle for independence.

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Where We Stand

Mark Simpson
SC Division Adjutant

It's that time of year again for Membership Renewal (MRS). Billing statements will once again be sent out to all South Carolina Division members, assisting the Camp Adjutant in the preparation of a professional and timely invoice. After all, this is a reminder for all of us to renew our vows to *The Charge* and our continuing commitment to the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

SC Division dues are \$10.00 and National dues are \$20.00. If you are a Life Member, Division or National, you will of course, not be required to pay but you will still receive a statement reflecting the renewal amount for your Camp dues. Likewise, past members will be included and encouraged to reinstate for a minimal late charge.

I would ask that each of you pay close attention and carefully read and follow the instructions for submitting your remittance. This information will be located directly on the statement and a return "window" envelope will be provided for your convenience. The SC Division fiscal year begins on July 1st therefore you should receive your statement close to that date. Your prompt attention and punctual response are appreciated.

As with last year's bill you will see several inserts for your review. The Division's new Flag Preservation Fund, Sam

Davis Youth Camp and the *Southern Mercury* magazine, all very worthy and important to our cause, will be featured. Please take a moment to read them and mull over the opportunities to help. Your attention and consideration of each is appreciated and encouraged. Additionally, please consider throwing in a few "Extra Bucks". We'll put the money to good use in defending and promoting our heritage.

In closing, as your Division Adjutant, I am very pleased to report to you, the 3,200 Division members, that your financial condition, recordkeeping and overall administrative operations are in a very safe, sound and secure condition.

For the future of our Southland,
Mark A Simpson
Division Adjutant



THE FIELD PULPIT

Ed Westbury
SC Division Chaplain

WHY ARE WE IN THE SCV? WHY DO WE HONOR PEOPLE WE NEVER KNEW? WE DO IT BECAUSE IT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO!!!!

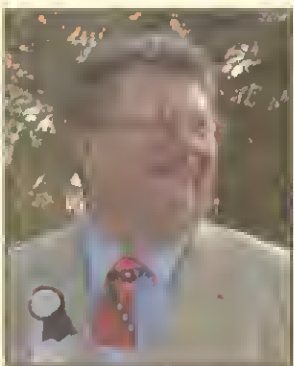
Scripture tells us that Joshua was the leader of the nation of Israel as they were about to enter the Promised Land. We hear these words from Joshua 4:1-9: *When the whole nation had finished crossing the Jordan, the LORD said to Joshua, "Choose twelve men from among the people, one from each tribe, and tell them to take up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan from right where the priests stood and to carry them over with you and put them down at the place where you stay tonight." ... In the future, when your children ask you, "What do these stones mean?" Tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the Ark of the Covenant of the LORD. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones are a memorial to the people of Israel forever."*

The nation of Israel was marking a special place in the history of their nation, a place where they were close to the LORD. The graves and headstones of those who wore the Gray are such places to us. They are places where we can come and feel close to God and to those who have gone on to be with Him. We are to mark those places for our children.

Those in Gray gave all that they had for their nation, for their wives, their parents, their children, and for us. It is fitting that we gather to honor them.

Many of those headstones give the unit of the one laying there, some have the word *Unknown*. What words are on those headstones does not matter as much as what those brave men did while they breathed. So it is the right thing to do to honor them.

Just as the LORD told Joshua to mark the spot near the river Jordan to remind the people of Israel what God did for them, He is telling us to mark those spots where those in Gray followed the LORD and stood up to an invader. It was God who gave them the courage to face the Yankee host, the strength to go on in the face



of overwhelming odds, and to survive through the bitterness of defeat.

That same God, who gave hope, life, and strength to them, gives us hope, life, and strength. Our LORD has blessed us with a rich heritage and those places are a big part of it.

He allows us to gather there in order that we may be touched by Him as we walk by those headstones, to give us hope as we read the words on the headstones, and to strengthen us as we honor the lives of those who lay there in those hallowed places.

The headstones of our Gray Heroes are to perform that same function for us that the stones did at Gilgal. They are a visual reminder of what God has done for us. We are to bring our children to the resting places of our Confederate dead and teach them what God did for them through the lives of those brave men. We are to tell the rest of the world that the LORD GOD was the God of the Gray heroes, that He is our God and that He wants to be their one true God.

When we do that we receive a blessing from God, but we are charged by God to do more. My question for you is, "When was the last time you brought your children and grandchildren to see those headstones? When was the last time you told someone what the LORD God did and is doing for you? Those stones are also a visible reminder of *The Charge* to the Sons of Confederate Veterans- "to see that the true history of the South is told to future generations." Two charges- the first and most important from God and the second from General Stephen Dill Lee- what are you going to do to fulfill those *Charges*?

Each of you must get a stone, go to those hallowed headstones and place your stone upon it. Do the same every time you visit the grave of a Confederate. This practice has been adopted by several Camps in the 4th Brigade. I want to start this all over the entire South Carolina Division. Then when you bring your children and grandchildren, they will ask, "Why are these stones here?" You will tell them and in doing so fulfill the *Charges* of God and the SCV.

Heritage Defense Report

Don Gordon
Chairman, Heritage Defense Committee



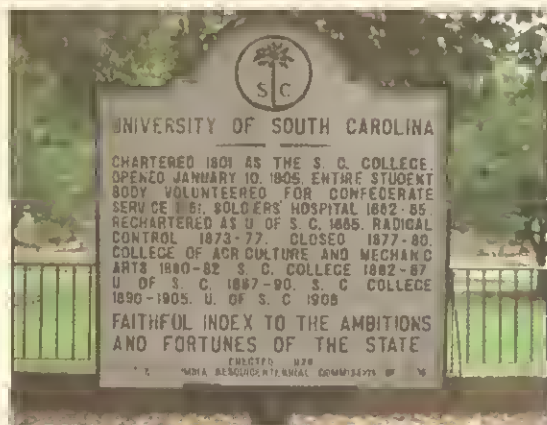
In the year 2000 the S.C. General Assembly passed a comprehensive compromise that was supposed to settle once and for all the issue of the appropriate location for where the Confederate Battle Flag should be displayed. Unfortunately, Coach Steve Spurrier decided to reopen the issue by saying that he thought they should "take that damned

If it takes a village to raise a child, Coach Spurrier was acting like the village idiot when he made his hateful remarks stirring up trouble between the races when no good can come of it.

Coach Spurrier probably is ignorant of the fact that it was a former President of USC who designed the flag that he so unwisely denigrates.

Coach Spurrier probably never stopped to read the historical marker near the entrance to the Horseshoe that's commemoration of the college being closed in 1862 when the entire student body volunteered for service in the Confederate Army forming a Corp of Cadets who, despite their young age, spilled their blood on so many hard fought fields of battle.

Coach Spurrier is probably clueless that buildings on his campus like Barnwell, LeConte, McMaster, and Wade Hampton are named for Confederate officers while others like Longstreet and the Thomas Cooper library are named for men who were closely tied to the cause of Southern Independence. So, if the cause of secession and independence was right for three million colonialists in 1776, then it was right for five million Southerners in 1861.



Confederate Flag down" while speaking to a room full of children at the annual City Year Banquet.

Despite being the son of a minister he apparently never learned that you should not swear in front of children. He went on to say other negative things about South Carolina, words that were picked up by the media all over the world, and in the process doing more harm to the image of the State.

He probably never gave a thought to the detrimental effects that his words would have on children in that room who may have been raised to be proud of South Carolina and proud of their families present and past.

Any man who would smear the ancestors of one group of children to make other children feel better about their ancestors needs to understand one thing: all children should be raised in an atmosphere where they can feel good about whoever they are descended from.

MUSTER

Gene Hogan
SC Division Lt. Commander

We have just completed the most important season of the SCV calendar. All over the South Carolina Division, Confederate Memorial Day services have been held. We have taken time, as we do each year, to honor the men that wore the Gray, our ancestors, to whose memory our organization is dedicated.



Perhaps we have lamented the small crowds, the lack of community support, and the general apathy (if not open hostility) toward Confederate Memorial Day. Perhaps we have even chastised Camp members for their absence at the observance of this important day. Sadly, these circumstances have become as commonplace as the events themselves.

During the observance in Bamberg this year, we received unsolicited polling data from that community on their opinion of Confederate Memorial Day. It turned out to be 50-50, that is to say, two shouts from drivers passing by on the street, contained one shout of displeasure and one of support.

As I considered those two drivers passing our ceremony, I had a realization that you might consider odd. It was not the shout of the detractor that bothered me. Rather, I was most troubled by the individual that showed his support.

I understood our critic- we've heard the rhetoric countless times. However, my mind was filled with questions about the other man. Did he know who his Confederate ancestor was? Had he ever taken the time to do some research? Had he ever heard of the SCV? Why was he not with us? Then, finally, had anyone from the SCV ever approached him about membership?

Later that day, in Aiken, Commander Temples of the Wheeler Camp made mention of our 10 x 10 recruiting initiative. The response to that initiative has been minimal at best. The silence of the Camps has been deafening.

We hear the runnings of discontent from the standing armies of the politically correct. To them, the flag at the monument is no more acceptable than on the dome. The only question is - when do they attack? Is the same rattling of a high profile football coach and willing accomplices in the media an indication of what '08 will be like?

We must be actively engaged in the process of recruiting. We need a planned, ongoing approach to growth. Perhaps the national leadership of this organization will gain some insight into how, where and with whom we can be most effective in recruiting, but the "when" is up to us, the troops on the ground. We need to fully utilize current recruiting resources until new ones are available.

It cannot be overstated- the sesquicentennial is around the corner. The time to prepare is now. 3200 members, one-fourth to one-third at regular meetings, less than that at Memorial Day, won't get the job done. We need to find the men that are excited about their heritage and that can make the SCV stand up, stand out and be heard during the next eight years.

It is no exaggeration, that in the area of recruiting...

Confederal
Heritage
Always
Requires
Great
Effort

Yours in service,
Gene Hogan
Lt. Commander

Before Coach Spurrier dismisses this logic, thinking that he has the moral high ground, he should realize that 100% of this state's Black Senators voted for the compromise and that the citizens of South Carolina entered into it in good faith and expect it to be honored.

Coach, you came to South Carolina for a \$, \$, \$, \$, \$ paycheck, and you will leave it as soon as someone offers you more, but the citizens of South Carolina will live here together for decades to come in the wake of your hateful remarks.

The best path forward for our state is to live in an atmosphere of mutual respect and Brotherhood, but respect can not be given. It must be earned, and you can not earn my respect while you are saying hateful things about my ancestors: men who fought against tyranny at their own peril and in the end lost everything except for their honor. I for one will not stand idly by while their honor is smeared by a man whose whole life revolves solely around a game.

Sic Semper Tyrannis,
Don Gordon
Committee Chairman

Profile In Leadership

President *Pro Tempore* of the SC Senate
Glenn McConnell
Secession Camp #4,
Charleston

Since first being elected to the South Carolina Senate in 1981, Compatriot Glenn McConnell has steadily ascended the ranks of the South Carolina Senate, now serving as its President *Pro Tempore* for the last seven years.



Sen. McConnell was born in Charleston in 1947, a fact he can hardly escape owing to his deep low country accent. Upon graduation from the College of Charleston he continued his higher education at USC Law School.

Glenn's unparalleled respect and affection for our Southern and Confederate heritage is well known. His private business endeavors include the famed CSA Galleries in North Charleston. A visit to CSA Galleries is akin to trip to a museum with fine art, uniforms, gifts and exceptional replica memorabilia. If it's got anything to do with our Confederate heritage you'll find it at CSA Galleries.

A longstanding member of the Secession Camp, Palmetto Battalion, SC Historical Society, Civil War Trust, Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion and 27th SC Volunteer Infantry/7th Connecticut Volunteers, Glenn is also a member of the Marion Light Artillery having recently purchased a beautiful Model 1841, 6 pound brass Napoleon field piece from Marshall Stein in Kentucky. It is so shiny and bright; reenactors from all parts of the battlefield are drawn to it hoping to capture the cannon, "Big Ray", and maybe the Senator as well.

However, all things considered the Senator is probably best known for his courageous and arduous service as Chairman of The Hunley Commission. Through his efforts alone as the major driving force, the recovery, preservation and future display of one of our most valuable Confederate assets has been assured for future generations to come.

Although much maligned by the liberal PC media, Glenn has shown great fortitude and strength in resisting and standing up to those who would do little or nothing to "Complete the Journey" of the valiant eight Hunley crewmen.

Lost in the excitement and emotional upheaval of the flag's movement from the dome to the Soldiers Monument in 2001 was probably the greatest contribution Glenn has made to our Confederate heritage: the Heritage Act, a lawful statute that now protects ALL Confederate historical monuments, memorials, street names and the like from the meddling hands of small minded people who are against maintaining the honors bestowed upon our Confederate ancestors over the past near 150 years. This act alone has saved every Camp in our Division from a constant barrage of local efforts to wipe out Confederate memorials.

With 27 years of dedicated service to South Carolina, we, the sons of the South and the SCV pray for Senator

Blacks Who Fought For the South

Most historical accounts portray Southern blacks as anxiously awaiting President Abraham Lincoln's "liberty dispensing troops" marching south in the War Between the States. But there's more to the story; let's look at it.

Black Confederate military units, both as freemen and slaves, fought federal troops. Louisiana free blacks gave their reason for fighting in a letter written to New Orleans' Daily Delta: "The free colored populations love their home, their property, their own slaves and recognize no other country than Louisiana, and are ready to shed their blood for her defense. They have no sympathy for Abolitionism; no love for the North, but they have plenty for Louisiana. They will fight for her in 1861 as they fought in 1814-15." As to bravery, one black scolded the commanding general of the state militia, saying, "Pardon me, general, but the only cowardly blood we have got in our veins is the white blood."

Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest had slaves and freemen serving in units under his command. After the war, Forrest said of the black men who served under him, "These boys stayed with me... and better Confederates did not live." Articles in "Black Southerners in Gray," edited by Richard Rollins, gives numerous accounts of blacks serving as fighting men or servants in every battle from Gettysburg to Vicksburg.

Professor L.D. Smith, director of American Studies at American University, says Stonewall Jackson had 3,000 fully equipped black troops scattered throughout his corps at Antietam - the war's bloodiest battle. Mr. Smith calculates that between 60,000 and 93,000 blacks served the Confederacy in some capacity. They fought for the same reason they fought in previous wars and wars afterward, "to position themselves. They had to prove they were patriots in the hope the future would be better... they hoped to be rewarded."

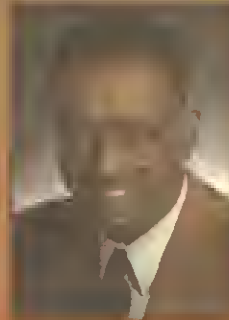
Many knew Lincoln had little love for enslaved blacks and didn't wage war against the South for their benefit. Lincoln made that plain, saying, "I will say then, that I am not, nor have ever been in favor of bringing about in any way the social and political equality of the white and black races... I am in favor of having the superior position assigned to the white race." The very words of his 1863 Emancipation Proclamation revealed his deceit and cunning, it freed those slaves held "within any State or designated part of a State the people whereof shall then be in rebellion against the United States." It didn't apply to slaves in West Virginia and areas and states not in rebellion. Like Gen. Ulysses Grant's slaves, they had to wait for the 13th Amendment: Grant explained why he didn't free his slaves earlier, saying, "Good help is so hard to come by these days."

Lincoln waged war to "preserve the Union". The 1783 peace agreement with England (Treaty of Paris) left 13 sovereign nations. They came together in 1787, as principals, to create a federal government, as their agent, giving it specific delegated authority - specified in our Constitution. Principals always retain the right to fire their agent. The South acted on that right when it seceded. Its firing on Fort Sumter, federal property, gave Lincoln the pretext needed for the war.

The War Between the States, through force of arms, settled the question of secession, enabling the federal government to run roughshod over states' rights specified by the Constitution's 10th Amendment.

Sons of Confederate Veterans is a group dedicated to giving a truer account of the War Between the States. I'd like to see it erect on Richmond's Monument Avenue a statue of one of the thousands of black Confederate soldiers.

Editor's Note: This article appeared in the Washington Times Sunday as follows: It is written by John Williams, an economist's professor at George Mason University, a nationally syndicated columnist, an African American, and one of the most effective speakers I have ever heard.

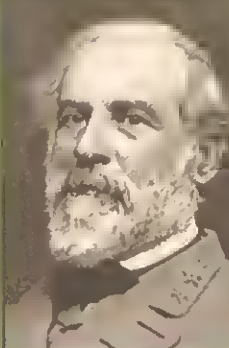


McConnell's continued service protecting and strengthening of our Confederate heritage along with its precious assets like the awe-inspiring Hunley submarine.

Editor's note: Thanks, Glenn...which we're sure you rarely hear at the lonely helm of the South Carolina State Senate. We're proud to call you one of our own.

"It appears to me that you were a good deal to a man of color... our most gifted and brilliant to edit newspaper. In fact I discovered by reading your paper that these editors were only satisfied with the effects of the war, but not the inferior until it was too late. Accordingly, I'm willing to yield my command to the consciously upon the effects will be that do not best for the country. I do not believe in the future of the South."

— 1861, Dec 15



SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS • SOUTH CAROLINA DIVISION 2006-2007 Convention • Mt. Pleasant, S. C. • March 17, 2007 AWARD RECIPIENTS

ROBERT E. LEE OUTSTANDING CAMP AWARD

DIXIE LEVEL	1st Place	H. L. Hunley Camp # 143
	2nd Place	B/G Barnard E. Bee, Camp # 1575
PALMETTO LEVEL	1st Place	Gen. Ellison Capers Camp # 1212
	2nd Place	Moultrie Camp # 27
	Honorable Mention	Sgt. Berry G. Benson Camp # 1672
SANDLAPPER LEVEL	1st Place	Col. Henry Lauren Benbow Camp # 859
	2nd Place	Gen. Joseph B. Kershaw Camp # 82
	Honorable Mention	Palmetto Camp # 22

AMBROSE GONZALES NEWSLETTER AWARD (Published)

DIXIE LEVEL	1st Place	(Tie)	Secession Camp # 4
	2nd Place		& B/G Barnard E. Bee Camp # 1575
	Honorable Mention		Moses Wood Camp # 125
PALMETTO LEVEL	1st Place		H. L. Hunley Camp # 143
	2nd Place		Moultrie Camp # 27
	2nd Place		Sgt. Berry G. Benson Camp # 1672
	Honorable Mention	(Tie)	Gen. Joe Wheeler Camp # 1245
			& Litchfield Camp # 132
SANDLAPPER LEVEL	1st Place		Col. Henry Lauren Benbow Camp # 859
	2nd Place		Hampton Redshirt Rider Camp # 1876
	Honorable Mention		Gen. Joseph B. Kershaw Camp # 82

AMBROSE GONZALES NEWSLETTER AWARD (Electronic)

DIXIE LEVEL	1st Place	B/G Barnard E. Bee Camp # 1575
PALMETTO LEVEL	1st Place	15th Regiment, S.C. Volunteers Camp # 51
	2nd Place	Sgt. Berry G. Benson Camp # 1672
	Honorable Mention	Litchfield Camp # 132
SANDLAPPER LEVEL	No Entries	

STEPHEN D. LEE HISTORICAL PROJECT AWARD

DIXIE LEVEL	1st Place	Secession Camp # 4
PALMETTO LEVEL	1st Place	Pvt. Thomas E. Caldwell Camp # 31
	2nd Place	Ellison Capers Camp # 1212
SANDLAPPER LEVEL	No Entries	

ELLISON CAPERS SCRABBOON AWARD

DIXIE LEVEL	1st Place	B/G Barnard E. Bee Camp # 1575
	2nd Place	H. L. Hunley Camp # 143
PALMETTO LEVEL	1st Place	Ellison Capers Camp # 1212
	2nd Place	Litchfield Camp # 132
	Honorable Mention	Sgt. Berry G. Benson Camp # 1672
SANDLAPPER LEVEL	1st Place	Palmetto Camp # 22
	2nd Place	10th Regt. SC Volunteers Camp # 1749

CONVENTION ATTENDANCE AWARD

DIXIE LEVEL	1st Place	H. L. Hunley Camp # 143
	2nd Place	Secession Camp # 4
	Honorable Mention	16th Regt. SC Volunteers Camp # 36
PALMETTO LEVEL	1st Place	Gen. Ellison Capers Camp # 1212
	2nd Place	Palmetto Camp # 22
	Honorable Mention	Gen. Paul Quattlebaum Camp # 412
SANDLAPPER LEVEL	1st Place	Gen. Joseph B. Kershaw Camp # 82
	2nd Place	W. E. James Camp # 74
	Honorable Mention	Marlboro Camp # 835

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

JOHN ALBERT BROAGUS, CHAPLIN AWARD
Larry D. Sharp, Sr.

JOHN AMASA MAY, LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Steven L. Wolfe
Robert L. Brown

LT. GENERAL WADE HAMPTON,
MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD
Michael D. Graham
John Harris
Joseph Thompson

GENERAL STONEWALL JACKSON
INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTION AWARD
Stephen L. Douglas
E. Walker Wright
Stoney Hilton.

LADIES APPRECIATION AWARD
Cindy Baldwin

Clemson's Students With A Southern Heritage

Armed with her father's dedication and determination to protect her Southern heritage, Hannah Burbage entered Clemson University with a twofold mission: to become a nurse and to spread the Southern gospel. The nursing goals are going well, but the Southern heritage efforts are going even better.

Upon arriving last August, Hannah, not being the shy type, approached three fraternities to see if there was any interest in perhaps starting an SCV Camp on campus. Being typical college men they were quite happy to see Miss Burbage but were a bit hesitant about this SCV-thing. They thought it was a political group.

Learning quickly, she made future fraternity introductions focusing on preserving Southern heritage and holding a student-organized Confederate Memorial Day on campus. The response this time was great. The first organizational meeting was held in early January. Over 30 attended the very first meeting. However, Hannah was the only female! (Clemson men aren't dumb!) So she talked it up with lady friends and a good balance was found.

"Students with a Southern Heritage" was officially founded with Clemson Administration endorsement and approval on March 12th. Faculty Advisor is Mike Marshall, a McGowan Camp member in Laurens. SWASH, as it is referred to at Clemson, presently has 42 members, 20 of whom are fine young men prepared to form the 1st Lt. Thomas Greene Clemson SCV Camp. The ladies will form an OCR chapter and/or perhaps even a UDC chapter.

SCV's Collegiate Representative, Adam Byerly, has spoken to the group and given assistance as needed. He sees the tremendous potential in getting a "seed group" started at

colleges and then evolve to an SCV Camp in due course.

On April 21st Confederate Memorial Day services were held for the first time on Clemson campus in a long, long time. Of course Hannah's father, Division Commander Randy Burbage, was the keynote speaker (as well as a mighty proud father).

A hearty "Goooooo Confederate Tigers" to the 42 fine ladies and gentlemen of Clemson's "Students with a Southern Heritage"!



If You Liked Saddam... You'll Love Lincoln!

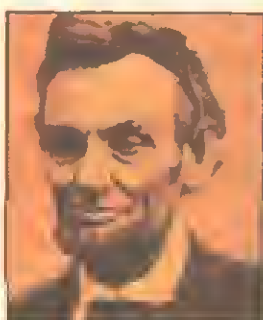
The Southern Avenger
18 February 2007

The only American with his town holiday is Martin Luther King Jr., or so it has been since George Washington and Abraham Lincoln's respective birthdays were thrown together as the more abstract "President's Day." While the logic of pushing aside an American hero of Washington's stature for King is questionable, that the father of our country should share his holiday with Lincoln should be answered with an emphatic "no." It is a sad fact that while in the popular mind Washington is considered an alright fella, Lincoln has become a god who is praised for "saving" the Union, ending slavery and all the rest. And yet while on one hand, generations of Americans have been taught to worship Lincoln, on the other, we are supposed to ignore his horrible actions, the modern equivalent of which would be like giving Saddam Hussein a free pass for preserving a "unified" Iraq all those years. In fact, the more I think about it, there's a pretty good case to be made that both men ended up as bunkmates in hell.

Like Hussein, Lincoln went to great lengths to suppress his opposition. While modern Americans have been accustomed to having the first amendment, Lincoln had little use for any law protecting the right of the people to criticize their government. Writes author Thomas DiLorenzo "In May 1861 the New York Journal of Commerce published a list of 100 Northern newspapers that opposed the Lincoln administration. Lincoln ordered the army to shut them all down." Or as Lincoln said in his own words, in an order issued to General John Dix: "You will take possession by military force, of the printing establishments of the New York World and Journal of Commerce . . . and prohibit any further publication thereof . . . you are therefore commanded forthwith to arrest and imprison . . . the editors, proprietors and publishers of (those) newspapers." But where were all the lawyers and politicians who might have defended free speech, you might ask? Thousands of them found themselves in jail right along with their journalist friends for daring to criticize the Lincoln administration.

Although he never freed a single slave and held not-so-flattering views of blacks, many justify Lincoln's behavior because they believe his actions eventually helped free the slaves. While Saddam might have had a few politically-incorrect views himself, not to mention his sons' affection for raping young girls, Hussein also proved himself to be quite the progressive when his government gave women added freedoms and offered them high-level government and industry jobs.

In 1982, as retaliation for an assassination attempt, Saddam's security forces attacked the Iraqi city of Dujail, killing and executing up to 137 of its inhabitants, torturing



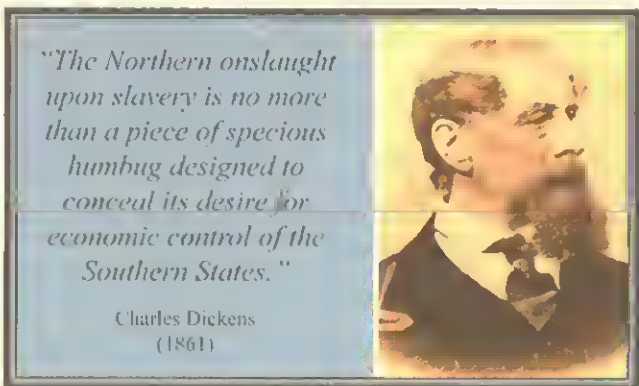
or imprisoning 1500 more and burning 250,000 acres of farmland to a crisp. In 1862, as retaliation against troublesome Confederate sharpshooters, Lincoln's "main man" General Sherman began attacking innocent civilians. Sherman not only burned the entire town of Randolph, Tennessee, to the ground, but also began taking innocent civilians hostage who he

would either trade for federal prisoners of war or execute.

Both Hussein's and Lincoln's war tactic of attacking innocent civilians remained constant throughout their reign of power. Author Jeffrey Hummel has estimated that in addition to the more than 600,000 American soldiers killed, upwards of 50,000 women, children, old men and other non-combatants were murdered by Lincoln's henchmen. Just last April, Hussein was charged with genocide against the Kurds, whose deaths are also estimated to be around 50,000.

That Saddam could be charged with genocide and Lincoln could be charged with greatness for doing essentially the same thing is perhaps the most poignant proof of the cliché that "history is written by the winners." The reason Lincoln today is treated like the second coming of Christ is because an honest assessment of the man would result in an utter rejection of his legacy. It was Adolph Hitler who said that if you tell a lie big enough and long enough people will begin to believe it and it is the colossal lie that continues to shield Lincoln from the critical eye of history. Lincoln was an awful man, a villain of the highest order. And just like the larger-than-life statues of Mussolini and Stalin were meant to imply an aura of greatness, the overgrown replica of Lincoln in Washington, DC is a grand monument not to greatness - but denial.

Editor's note: For well over five years, "The Southern Avenger" has been a radio personality for modern rock station 96 Wave (96.1 FM) in Charleston, South Carolina. TSA specializes in blending politics, culture and entertainment and his commentaries can be heard every weekday, with brand new installments airing on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. 96 Wave is consistently one of the highest-rated radio stations in SC and the Avenger broadcasts on the station's highest rated program "The Critic" (Monday through Friday, 3 to 7 pm).



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On his way to work early one morning in March, Chuck Huckabee, a member of the 1st Gen. Wade Hampton Camp, noticed some unusual political signs at all the major intersections in Newberry. Something seemed a bit suspicious. It wasn't election time, so why were there so many signs? As he drove the signs seemed to be everywhere numbering in the hundreds covering all of Newberry.

Division Heritage Defense chief, Don Gordon, was alerted to this highly unusual "political" display. Making inquiries at high levels in the Republican Party, he flushed out the real culprits. It was the local Demo's in Newberry who thought the public would be so gullible to buy the message falsely slamming the local Republicans. We all love a good joke and the Democrats in Newberry do too, but this one's on them!

If there had been no 2nd Amendment in 1861, the South could not have raised an army to defend itself against the invading Northern forces.

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Sons of Confederate Veterans - Camps of the South Carolina Division

- 1. Secession**
Charleston - Camp Number 0004 (6th Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 3rd Tuesday (eal 6:30) meet 7:30pm
MEETING PLACE: Knights of Pythias Castle, 1820 Belgrade Ave.
COMMANDER: William Baber – (843) 552-2007
- 2. Jefferson Davis**
Easley - Camp Number 0007 (1st Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 3rd Tuesday, 6:30 pm
MEETING PLACE: The Willows of Easley, 105 Willow Place, Easley, S.C.
COMMANDER: William Nabors – (864) 878-3477
- 3. Palmetto**
Columbia - Camp Number 0022 (3rd Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 2nd Tuesday, 8:00pm
MEETING PLACE: Captain George's Seafood, 1000 Knox Abbott Dr, Cayce, S.C.
COMMANDER: Dean Stevens – (803) 739-6399
- 4. Marion**
Marion - Camp Number 0024 (4th Brigade)
MEETING TIME: Monthly/4th Thursday 7:00
MEETING PLACE
Oinner 6:30, Meeting at 7:00
COMMANDER: Wm "Mike" Sansbury – (843) 752-5945

S. Moultrie Camp
Mt. Pleasant - Camp Number 0027 (8th Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 3rd Thursday 6:45 pm
MEETING PLACE: The Point, 176 Palnrof's Point Rd., ML Pleasant
COMMANDER: James Chalmers – (843)

6. Private Thomas E. Caldwell
York - Camp Number 0031 (2nd Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 2nd Thursday of month, 7PM
MEETING PLACE: McCelvey Historical Center, 212 E. Jefferson St., York, S.C.
COMMANDER: Kirk Carter – (704) 739-2964

7. John M. Kinard
Newberry - Camp Number 0035 (3rd Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 1st Wednesday, 7:00 pm
MEETING PLACE: Back Porch Restaurant, Prosperity, S.C.
COMMANDER: Marion Morns – (803) 356-8822

B. 16th Regt., South Carolina Volunteers
Greenville - Camp Number 0036 (1st Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 4th Thursday, 6:30 pm –except Nov. and Dec.
MEETING PLACE: Greenville, S.C.
COMMANDER: James Forrester – (864) 246-3305

9. Private John S. Bird, Palmetto Guard
North Charleston - Camp Number 0038 (6th Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 2nd Thursday, 6:30 p.m.
MEETING PLACE: Brecks Restaurant - Rivers Ave (Hwy 52N)
COMMANDER: James Parks – (843) 834-9133

10. Olde Abbeville
Abbeville - Camp Number 0039 (1st Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 2nd Monday, 7:00 pm
MEETING PLACE: Greenwood, S.C.
COMMANDER: John Price

11. Brigadier General Samuel McGowan
Laurens - Camp Number 0040 (1st Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 3rd Thursday, 6:00 pm
MEETING PLACE: American Legion Hall, Clinton, S.C.
COMMANDER: Gary Davis

12. John Thomas Ashley
Honea Path - Camp Number 0043 (1st Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 4th Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
MEETING PLACE: The Masonic Lodge, Honea Path, S.C.
COMMANDER: Reuben Brock

13. Colonel Joseph Norton
Seneca - Camp Number 0045 (1st Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 1st Tuesday, 7:00 pm
MEETING PLACE: Friends Cafe, 115 Oconee Square Dr., Seneca, S.C.
COMMANDER: Alfred Robinson – (864) 882-9437

14. General Richard H. Anderson
Beaufort - Camp Number 0047 (5th Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 1st Monday 7:00pm
MEETING PLACE: Old Beaufort Arsenal
COMMANDER: Walter F. Lineberger

15. Brigadier General Milledge Luke Bohnam
Saluda - Camp Number 0048 (3rd Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 3rd Sunday, 3:00 pm
MEETING PLACE: Old Pine Grove Schoolhouse, Hwy 39, Saluda, S.C.
COMMANDER: Roger L. Turner

16. 15th Regt., South Carolina Volunteers
Lexington - Camp Number 0051 (3rd Brigade)
MEETING TIME: Last Tuesday, 6:30 pm
MEETING PLACE: Carolina Wings (Bi-Lo Shopping Center), US 1 & I-26.
COMMANDER: Louis Chavis

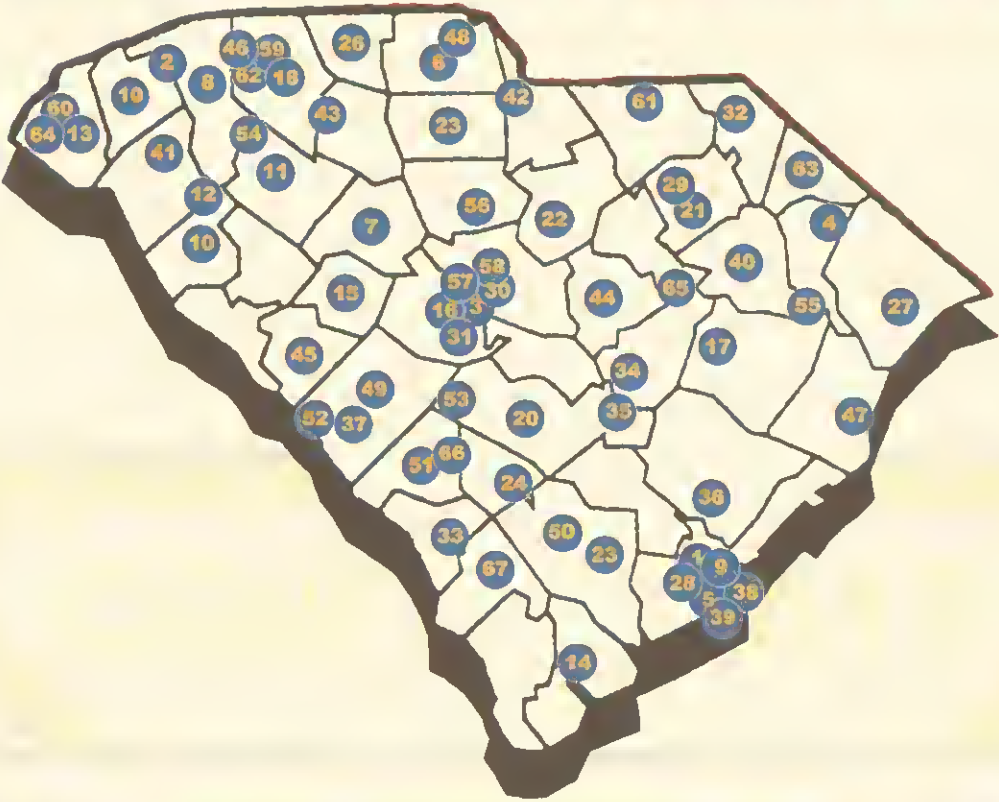
17. Wee Nee Volunteers
Kingstree - Camp Number 0058 (6th Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 1st Monday, 7:00 pm (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec)
MEETING PLACE: Home of Compatriot WD Evans, 710 Woodlands Dr. (The Red Dog), Kingstree, S.C.
COMMANDER: Louis Drucker – (843) 382-5559

18. Sergeant Adam Washington Ballenger
Spartanburg - Camp Number 0068 (2nd Bngade)
MEETING TIME: 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 pm
MEETING PLACE: Drews - Corner of Asheville Hwy and John Dodd Road
COMMANDER: Travis N. Bnght

19. 2nd Regt, South Carolina Volunteers
Pickens - Camp Number 0071 (1st Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 1st Thursday, 7:00 pm
MEETING PLACE: American Legion, Haygood St, Pickens, S.C
COMMANDER: Larry J. Oberstar

20. Colonel Olin M. Dantzler
Orangeburg - Camp Number 0073 (5th Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 2nd Thursday, 7:00 pm
MEETING PLACE: The Kuckery, 210 Cnnon Bridge Rd Orangeburg, S.C.
COMMANDER: Bnan Henson

21. W.E. James
Darlington - Camp Number 0074 (4th Brigade)
MEETING TIME: Last Monday of each Month - 6:30 p.m.
MEETING PLACE: Takis Oliner, 609 Peeri Street, Darlington, S.C.
COMMANDER: Trip Wilson – (843) 317-9109



22. Joseph B. Kershaw
Camden - Camp Number 0082 (4th Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 3rd Thursday, 7:00 pm
MEETING PLACE: Camden Seafood Hut, 2538 N. Broad St. Camden, S.C.
COMMANDER: Ed Westbury – (803) 432-7913

23. Walker-Gaston
Chester - Camp Number 0086 (2nd Bngade)
MEETING TIME: 4th Thursday, 7:00 pm
MEETING PLACE: The Summit Restaurant, Main St., Chester, S.C.
COMMANDER: Donald Raborn – (803) 327-3757

24. Col. Donald R. Barton
Branchville - Camp Number 0121 (5th Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 1st Tuesday 7:00pm
MEETING PLACE: Edisio Eatery
COMMANDER: Bradon Snelgrove – (803) 536-0434

25. Gordon-Capers
St. George - Camp Number 0123 (5th Brigade)
MEETING TIME: Last Monday of the month 7:00pm
MEETING PLACE: Community Hall St. George, S.C.
COMMANDER: Daniel Rhode

26. Captain Moses Wood
Gaffney - Camp Number 0125 (2nd Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 3rd Thursday, 6:30 pm
MEETING PLACE: Central Baptist Church, Gaffney, S.C
COMMANDER: Donald (Mark) Sheppard

27. Litchfield
Conway - Camp Number 0132 (6th Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 pm
MEETING PLACE: Bryan House, Horry County Historical Society, 606 Main St, Conway, S.C.
COMMANDER: Kenneth Thrasher – (843) 293-4082

28. H. L. Hunley
Summerville - Camp Number 0143 (6th Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 4th Thursday @ 6:30PM
MEETING PLACE: Summerville Masonic Lodge on Main Street in Summerville next to KFC
COMMANDER: Joseph M. Willis

29. Major James Lide Coker
Hartsville - Camp Number 0146 (4th Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 2nd Tuesday, 6:30 pm
MEETING PLACE: Tyner's Diner in Kelleytown
COMMANDER: Kip Sansbury – (843) 383-8908

30. Lt. General Wade Hampton
Columbia - Camp Number 0273 (3rd Brigade)
MEETING TIME: Next to last Thursday, 6:30 pm (except Dec.)
MEETING PLACE: Seawall's Restaurant, 1125 Rosewood Dr., Columbia, S.C.
COMMANDER: Thomas Rollings – (803) 791-1130

31. General Paul Quattlebaum
Batesburg-Leesville - Camp Number 0412 (3rd Brigade)
MEETING TIME: Last Tuesday, 7:00 pm
MEETING PLACE: Sheaty's BBQ, Leesville, S.C.
COMMANDER: Danny M. Kaminer

32. Marlboro
Bennettsville - Camp Number 0835 (4th Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 2ND Monday @ 7PM
MEETING PLACE: Marchison School Auditorium, Bennettsville, S.C
COMMANDER: Richard L. Hubbard

33. Rlvers Bridge
Fairfax - Camp Number 0842 (5th Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 pm
MEETING PLACE: Barker's Mill mile south of Sycamore on Highway #321
COMMANDER: Joseph Braxton – (803) 534-8654

34. Colonel Henry Laurens Benbow
Manning - Camp Number 0859 (4th Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 2nd Tuesday each month 7:00 p.m.
MEETING PLACE: Knights Inn - Summerton, S.C.
COMMANDER: Albert Jackson – (803) 478-3986

35. Eutaw Regiment
Santee - Camp Number 1189 (5th Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 3rd Tuesday 7:00pm
MEETING PLACE: Elloree Frernal Building #6328 Old Number 6 Highway, Elloree, S.C.
COMMANDER: Berley Dantzler – (803) 496-3886

36. General Ellison Capers
Moncks Comer - Camp Number 1212 (6th Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 3rd Thursday, 7:00 pm
MEETING PLACE: Weslern Sizzler on Hwy 52, Moncks Corner, S.C.
COMMANDER: Michael Griffin

37. General Joe Wheeler
Graniteville - Camp Number 1245 (3rd Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 1st Thursday, 7:00 pm
MEETING PLACE: Graniteville Leisure Club (Except October and April)
COMMANDER: Ken Temples – (803) 648-6289

38. Star of the West
Charleston - Camp Number 1253 (6th Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 1st Thurs (Sept - April)
MEETING PLACE: Bond Hall, The Citadel, 171 Moultrie Street, Charleston, S.C.
COMMANDER: Nathaniel Fetting

39. Ft. Sumter
Charleston - Camp Number 1269 (6th Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 2nd Thursday (irregular)
MEETING PLACE: Charleston Club, East Bay St., Charleston, S.C.
COMMANDER: Thomas P Lowndes

40. Pee Dee Rifles
Florence - Camp Number 1419 (4th Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 4th Tuesday, 7:30 pm
MEETING PLACE: Pee Dee Shrine Club, 3053 E. Crescent Cir., Florence, S.C.
COMMANDER: Ken Howle – (843) 393-1543

41. Palmetto Sharpshooters
Anderson - Camp Number 1428 (1st Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 3rd Thursday, 6:30 pm (Except December)
MEETING PLACE: Carlee's Restaurant N. Main St., Anderson, S.C. 29621
COMMANDER: Dexter Wentzky – (864) 224-9710

42. Witherspoon/Barnes
Lancaster - Camp Number 1445 (2nd Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 3rd Tuesday, 6:30 pm
MEETING PLACE: Captain's Galley Restaurant, 1305 Hwy 9 Bypass West, Lancaster, S.C.
COMMANDER: B. Bragdon – (803) 286-0206

43. General States Rights Gist
West Springs - Camp Number 1451 (2nd Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 1st Sunday, 3:00 pm
MEETING PLACE: West Springs Community Center, Hwy 215, West Springs, S.C
COMMANDER: William Berry – (864) 433-9643

44. General P.G.T. Beauregard
Sumter - Camp Number 1458 (4th Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 1st Tuesday, 7:00 pm
MEETING PLACE: The Ramade Inn, 226 N Washington St, Sumter, S.C. 29150 (Buffet Meal)
COMMANDER: Ronnie Galloway – (803) 775-9188

45. Brigadier General Martin W. Gary
Edgefield - Camp Number 1532 (3rd Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 1st Thursday, 7:00 pm (except Dec.)
MEETING PLACE: Oakley Park, Mam St. Behind Nat'l Guard Bldg., Edgefield, S.C.
COMMANDER: Thomas Plowden – (803) 278-2283

46. General Basil W. Duke
Greer - Camp Number 1539 (1st Brigade)
MEETING TIME:
MEETING PLACE:
COMMANDER: Duke Stern

47. Battery White
Georgetown - Camp Number 1568 (6th Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 2nd Tuesday each Quarter, 6:30 pm
MEETING PLACE: VFW Georgetown, Georgetown, S.C.
COMMANDER: Franklin Beettie – (843) 648-0478

48. Brigadier General Micah Jenkins
Rock Hill - Camp Number 1569 (2nd Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 2nd Tuesday, 7:00 pm
MEETING PLACE: 3921 Gallant Rd - Dinner at 6:00 pm
COMMANDER: Laddie Parish – (803) 329-2027

49. Brigadier General Barnard E. Bee
Aiken - Camp Number 1575 (3rd Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 2nd Thursday, 7:00 pm
MEETING PLACE: Bobby's BBO, 1897 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Warrenville, S.C.
COMMANDER: John Cook – (803) 644-8298

50. Colleton Rangers
Walterboro - Camp Number 1643 (5th Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 4th Tuesday, 7:30 pm (except Dec.)
MEETING PLACE: Masonic Lodge, Washington St. (known locally as Main St.), Wellerboro, S.C.
COMMANDER: Robert Williams – (843) 524-4919

51. William H. Duncan/Hagooods Brigade
Barnwell - Camp Number 1650 (5th Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 1st Tuesday, 7:00 pm
MEETING PLACE: Museum behind Library, Hagood & Marlboro Aves. Barnwell, S.C.
COMMANDER: H. Morris – (803) 541-7504

52. Sergeant Berry Benson
North Augusta - Camp Number 1672 (3rd Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 3rd Thursday, 7:00 pm
MEETING PLACE: Acacia Lodge AFM, Brookside Ave. North Augusta, S.C.
COMMANDER: Larry Hammett

53. Major Morgan/Hart's Battery
Springfield - Camp Number 1674 (5th Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 pm
MEETING PLACE: Springfield Museum, Railroad Ave., Springfield, S.C.
COMMANDER: Mark Humphreville – (803) 649-6801

54. Captain Moses T. Fowler
Fountain Inn - Camp Number 1721 (1st Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 3rd Monday, 6:00 pm (2nd Monday in Dec)
MEETING PLACE: Fairview Presbyterian Church Social Hall between Fountain Inn & Hickory Tav
COMMANDER: James Rodgers – (864) 862-4086

55. 10th Regt., South Carolina Volunteers
Prospect - Camp Number 1749 (4th Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 pm
MEETING PLACE: The 'Store' 831 Owens Swamp Road, Johnsonville
COMMANDER: Christopher Herron – (843) 386-9266

56. General John Bratton
Winnboro - Camp Number 1816 (3rd Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 2nd Tuesday, 7:00 pm
MEETING PLACE: Good & Plenty Café - Main Street Ridgeway, S.C.
COMMANDER: Lewis Pope – (803) 712-2063

57. Hampton Redshirt Rider
Columbia - Camp Number 1876 (3rd Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 1st Monday each month
MEETING PLACE: Maurice's BarBQue, 2515 Sunset Blvd, W. Columbia
COMMANDER: Robert Davis – (803) 799-8695

58. Hampton's Iron Scouts
Dentsville - Camp Number 1945 (3rd Brigade)
MEETING TIME: Last Monday, 7:00pm
MEETING PLACE: Maurice's BBQ, 9563 Two Notch Road
COMMANDER: Stephen Jones – (803) 791-7492

59. General David F. Jamison
Spartanburg - Camp Number 1954 (2nd Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 2nd Thursday 7:00pm
MEETING PLACE: Poplar Springs Fire Dept, Hwy 290 E, Moore, S.C.
COMMANDER: Dennis Crocker – (846) 444-5738

60. 1st South Carolina Regiment Orr's Rifles
Walhalla - Camp Number 1959 (1st Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 2nd Tuesday 6:30pm sharp
MEETING PLACE: Walhalla Volunteer Fireman Hut #2 (Behind Fire Dept.) 207 E. North Broad St, Walhalla, S.C.
COMMANDER: David McMahan – (864) 885-9742

61. First in Secession
Chesterfield - Camp Number 1963 (4th Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 1st Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
MEETING PLACE: Conferenca Room at Chesterfield County Library
COMMANDER: Marcus Canipe – (843) 623-3327

62. Captain P.D. Gilreath
Greer - Camp Number 1987 (1st Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 2nd Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
MEETING PLACE:
COMMANDER: John Lynn – (864) 848-1448

63. Capt. A.T. Harlee
Dillon - Camp Number 2010 (4th Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 3rd Thursday, 7:00pm
MEETING PLACE: American Legion - HWY 9 East, Dillon, S.C
COMMANDER: Arthur Quick – (843) 774-6821

64. Rebels In Grey
Westminster - Camp Number 2027 (1st Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 2nd Monday, 7:00 p.m.
MEETING PLACE: Toxaway Baptist Church - Westminster, S.C.
COMMANDER: Michael Heath – (864) 886-1252

65. Lynchess Creek Guards
Lynchburg - Camp Number 2045 (4th Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
MEETING PLACE: Eddie's Bar-B-Q Turbeville, S.C
COMMANDER: Billy Graham – (843) 659-4619

66. South Carolina 17th Regiment
Hilda - Camp Number 2069 (5th Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 2nd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
MEETING PLACE: Main Street Hilda, S.C.
COMMANDER: Jerry Creech – (803) 259-1455

67. Captain John Mickler
Ridgeland - Camp Number 2100 (5th Brigade)
MEETING TIME: 2nd Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m
MEETING PLACE: Ridgeland County Library
COMMANDER: William Horry – (843) 987-3966

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The Pope Who Blessed The Confederate Southland

After the War, Jefferson Davis was imprisoned in Fortress Monroe, isolated and in most ignoble conditions. Lt. Gen. Richard Taylor, one of the few allowed to see him, made a succinct but impressive record of the visit:

"It was with some emotion that I reached the casemate in which Mr. Davis was confined. There were two rooms, in the outer of which, near the entrance, stood a sentinel, and in the inner was Jefferson Davis. We met in silence, with grasp of hands. [...] Pallid, worn, gray, bent, feeble, suffering from inflammation of the eyes, he was a painful sight to a friend. He uttered no plaint and made no allusion to the irons (which had been removed), said the light kept all night in his room hurt his eyes a little, and, added to the noise made every two hours by relieving the sentries, prevented much sleep."

Davis' daily situation was even worse. He was kept in double irons almost all the time and had only a chamber pot to use under close observation. The press published lampooning cartoons about him. Those humiliations were intended to both besmirch him as a gentleman and to break him as a man. But this martyrdom was honored by Pope Pius IX with a crown of thorns he had woven with his own hands, symbolizing how Davis and the defeated South were suffering for the Truth. Of deepest Christian and moral convictions himself, the Episcopalian Davis had become a close friend of the Catholic Pope of Rome.

For decades, attitude towards Catholicism had developed very differently in the North and South. Catholics had been a minority in the American Colonies since ever, but they proved their courage from the very beginning of the strike for American freedom.



In 1860/61 not a single Catholic Diocese in the South had supported Lincoln. The Catholic Bishops stood with their States – an attitude fully supported by Rome. The reason for this was both political and religious. Pius IX saw the same kind of threat in the North that was menacing the papal throne since the 1848 liberal Revolution in Europe: liberal progressivism towards more centralized national Governments, and a greater presence of industrial capitalist interests. This was considered an evil in both the Catholic Church and Southern society. And most Northern Abolitionists abhorred Catholicism even more as they did slavery. Thus, the Vatican considered the tendencies of the North to be a greater evil than the problem of slavery. Pius IX was also well aware of the difference in Christian values in North and South.

In 1863 Father John B. Bannon was known as a fighting chaplain, a man who prior to the outbreak of the War had fought Kansas Jayhawkers in Missouri. Bannon was surprised to receive a request from President Jefferson Davis to meet him in Richmond. Davis and Secretary of State Benjamin offered him a secret mission to Europe: to ask the Pope for help to achieve diplomatic recognition and to stop Catholic immigrants from enlisting in the Yankee army. Since 1862, one of the main military threats was the growing military strength of the North due in part to European immigrants, many of them jobless Catholics, who were recruited right off the docks (Bannon himself had seen at Pea Ridge

masses of Germans wearing the blue). Great hopes were put in the Pope. Pius IX was not only a political sovereign but the spiritual leader of millions of Catholics with enormous influence, especially in Ireland and Catholic powers like France.

Bannon ran the blockade in October. Once in Rome, he was privileged with several long audiences with the Pope, and argued the Confederate cause. In

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early December, Pius IX blessed the Southland in an official letter addressed "to the Illustrious and Honourable Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederate States of America", being the only Chief of State doing so during the War. The Pope also authorized measures to cut off immigration recruitment. Bannon's first step was to write public letters. Also he used the support of the Vatican to convince Irish clergy to circulate handbills at the major ports of departure. The leaflets warned that the immigrants would be cajoled to join

the Union Army just to be used as cannon-fodder in a "fight for a People that has the greatest antipathy to his birth and creed". He also designed a series of large posters which were exhibited in major port offices. The most effective appeared in 1864. It explained in the Pope's name Christian Civilization in the South was worth to be defended. Bannon added: "As a priest of the Catholic Church, I am anxious to see the desires of the Holy Father realized speedily and therefore have taken this means to lay before you the expression of his sentiments on the subject of the American War, knowing that no Catholic will persevere in the advocacy of an aggression condemned by his Holiness." Papal posters spread through Europe like



a fire, Poles, Italians, Bavarians and other Catholics soon stood away from Yankee

recruiting stations, volunteering dropped dramatically from December 1863 on, desertion rates increased. The Popes support to the South caused widespread outrage in the North - and has not been forgiven to the Vatican by Yankee liberals till this day.

During the War, in the file and rank or the Confederate Army Catholic men served side by side with Protestants, just as brothers, defending their rights and their soil, altogether risking their lives constantly, knowing that the next day they might be meeting the same God. Reviving the words of the *Richmond Daily Dispatch* of November 26th, 1863, page 2:

"It would be a refreshing and beautiful spectacle if the whole Christian world, both Roman Catholic and Protestant, could unite in their prayers at the period designated for the restoration of peace to this bleeding and distracted land. Surely here is a platform and an occasion on which all Christendom could lay aside its internal differences, and send up to the throne of the Eternal Father from the altars of Catholic temples and the pulpits of Protestant churches, one blending volume of solemn, earnest, and faithful prayer that, in the language of the English ritual, God may 'abate the pride, assuage the malice, and confound the devices' of our enemies."

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Rally to the Colours!

Division & Relic Room Establish a "Preservation Partnership"!

Immediately following the May 5th Confederate Memorial Day services in Columbia, the Division's Flag Preservation Fund Committee made a visit en masse to the Confederate Relic Room & Military Museum (CRR&MM). Every man on this newly created body had casually visited the CRR&MM many, many times. But this particular visit, however, by Chairman Ken Howle and his Committeemen was a business visit!

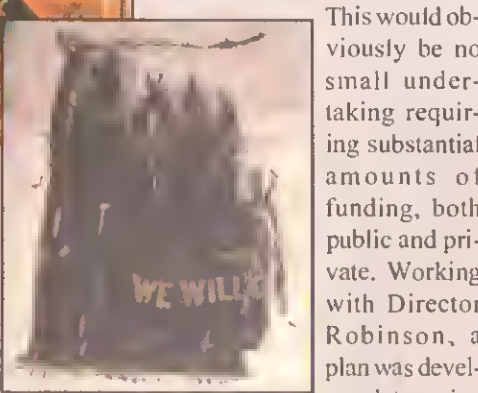
The story actually begins, strangely enough, in a small upstairs room in the Florence Museum. This largely forgotten room held the records and memories of three local UDC Chapters. Only one, the Ellison Capers Chapter, still exists today, but their "re-discovery" of this room's contents would ultimately lead to one of the most important projects that this Division has ever undertaken. A small shelljacket, belonging to 1st Sgt. Joseph Woods Brunson of the Pee Dee (Rifles, later) Light Artillery, drew much interest from descendants and conservators alike.

The Confederate Relic Room & Military Museum was the obvious place to take the jacket, to look into identifying and preserving it. Executive Director Allen Roberson and his staff, wishing to shed some publicity on the jacket, invited the UDC ladies and some descendants of the battery members down to Columbia. There, they discussed another prized and hallow artifact in the Relic Room's possession—the company guidon. The very flag sewn by the "ladies of Society Hill", carried through many battles—Mechanicsville, 2nd Manassas, Sharpsburg, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, and so forth—, rescued from capture at Durham Station, and returned home in 1865. Although torn and faded, blackened and shot through, the flag continued to serve at Survivor's meetings every July 21st (the date the company formed) until the last few—Joe Brunson among them—gave the flag to Gov. Heyward in 1905. The Relic Room came into possession

of it in 1916.

Word of this new interest found its way to the Pee Dee Rifles Camp #1419 of Florence. After contacting the Relic Room, a plan to conserve and display the flag was made. The top three textile conservation labs in the country gave estimates on the flag's preservation efforts. The Rifles, meanwhile, began successfully soliciting funds. This, naturally, led to the Camp approaching the Division for help. There was much discussion between Division

Commander Randy Burbage and Camp Commander Ken Howle about the effort. It was determined that not only should the flag of the Pee Dee Rifles/Light Artillery be preserved, but ALL the flags relating to the War Between the States as well.



the funds needed. This plan was presented at the Division's Executive Council meeting in January of this year, and was unanimously approved.

There is not much cause for discussion on WHY the Division should take up this project. The question may be: "Why now?" and "Can't the Relic Room get the State to pay for it?" The Relic Room would like nothing better than to have them all conserved and on display. However, due to many recent years of renovation and expansion projects, restoration has been slowed to a snail's pace. Director Roberson stated: "Without organizations like the SCV, these artifacts would simply not be saved." The staff estimates another 25 flags that will require some level of conservation. Costs can run from \$2,000 to \$18,000, depending on the condition of the flag and the level of conservation.

So, now back to the "business visit" by

Ken and his fellow Committeemen who were accompanied by Commander Burbage as an ex-officio member...

Given the Division's strong willingness and commitment to this project, the Relic Room immediately obtained a pledge of matching grant funds from the State Budget & Control Board, its parent state agency. Basically, this means that the State will match any donations we obtain up to a total of **\$25,000**. Now that sounds like really *GOOD BUSINESS* to us by golly! With a continuous flow of funding and some hard work, we will be able to ensure that ALL of our ancestors' flags are "preserved for future generations."

The committee has adopted the motto "**RALLY TO THE COLOURS...SAVE THE FLAGS**". In hattle, the command "rally to the colours" was given to re-form a line on the unit's flag when the unit became widely dispersed or when the flag was in danger. Compatriots, that is exactly what we must do. We must come together and save these priceless artifacts. The enemy now is not Yankees or even the media; it's **TIME**, **APATHY**, and **POLITICAL CORRECTIVENESS**.

Let's make sure that they stay around for generations to come. Donations can be made to:

SCSCV Flag Preservation Fund
105 Winterberry Court
Spartanburg, SC 29301

Donations to both the fund and the Relic Room directly have been very promising. But continued funding is needed. Please contact Chairman Ken Howle, SCSCV Flag Preservation Committee at (843) 393-1543 or PDInfantryman@yahoo.com for questions and additional information. All donations are tax deductible.

The Pee Dee Rifles/Light Artillery flag is already at the Textile Preservation Labs in Maryland. Twenty-four more gloried banners of South Carolina's Confederate heritage are still fighting the ravages of time. We MUST "Rally to the Colours" and "...Save the Flags"!

Our best and most appreciative thanks certainly goes to Director Roberson and his fine and capable staff for caretaking the precious relics and artifacts of our ancestors. Hip-Hip-Hooray to the CRR&MM!

The Rebirth of Red Doe Plantation

Red Doe Plantation, located one mile south of Francis Marion University on SC Hwy. 327 (aka Francis Marion Highway) near Florence, SC, has a long and colorful link to the War Between the States. Indeed, the surrounding property was criss-crossed many times by Gen. Francis Marion's troops, Tories, and British regulars alike during the Revolutionary War days. Before given the name "Red Doe", the main house and outbuildings were named after the man who built them, Evander A. Gregg (1818-1874). The Gregg family was and still is, a prominent family from this area called Mars Bluff. Before 1888 and the formation of Florence County, Mars Bluff was part of Marion District.

Evander inherited 1005 acres from his father, Capt. John Gregg, in 1844. In 1846, he began construction of the current house. It is a typical lowland vernacular center-hall plantation home, a single story built on brick foundation columns (sometimes termed a "carriage house"). The raised living areas allowed for drafts to be caught during the hot summers and kept vermin out, as well as offered protection from flood waters from the nearby Great Pee Dee River. By 1860, Evander owned 650 acres of land and 38 slaves in Marion District and also held plantations in Darlington & Spartanburg as well. The current property has five barns as well, each construct-

Singletary family (along with wife Sarah and three daughters) resided in the home until 1912, when Sarah sold the property to Joseph W. Wallace. The house and property remained in the Wallace family for years. In 1940, Mr. Marion Chisholm Wallace bought out his sibling's interest in the property. He spent several years restoring the house and outbuildings, turning the elderly home into something more livable. It is believed that he was the one that gave the house the name "Red Doe".

The story of Red Doe goes back to Revolutionary times. Andrew Hunter, a chief scout for Francis Marion, lived just a few miles from the current property. According to tradition, Hunter had left camp to visit his family. The notorious Tory, Col. David Fanning of NC got word of the trip and captured Hunter. Waiting after breakfast to hang the patriot, Hunter nevertheless escaped his guards and mounted Fanning's favorite mare named Red Doe. With the Tories in hot pursuit, Hunter made for the Mars Bluff Ferry on the Pee Dee River. Supposedly, the mare jumped a wide flooded canal that enabled Hunter to escape since no horse chasing him would follow. Hunter was shot in the back during the chase, but was nursed back to health in Wahee Township. Fanning tried several times to get the mare back, first threatening Hunter and his family, then by trying to buy the horse back. After the war, he even took it before the courts of Darlington District, but still Red Doe remained in the tender care of Hunter. Finally, Fanning challenged Hunter to a duel on the Citadel Green in Charleston. Hunter chose swords and was there at the appointed time; Fanning never showed.

This story has been repeated many times, each it seems with its own version. Some say it did not take place on the Gregg property, but in NC. Others recount that Red Doe was actually Hunter's horse, and the horse he took from Fanning was a stud, not a mare. Hunter kept the stud in place of losing Red Doe (and supposedly named the horse "Red Buck"). Regardless, Mr. Chisholm Wallace believed it happened as accounted above, hence the name. In 1972, Red Doe has listed on the SC Dept. of Archives & History's *Inventory of Historic Places in SC*. Ten years later, it was placed on the US *National Register of Historic Places*.

In 1997, Mrs. Anne P. Wallace sold Red Doe to the "Red Doe Limited Partnership", which was comprised of the Robert P. Wilkins family of Lexington, SC. Robert Wilkins, Sr. is the nephew of the Wallaces. The Wilkins had hoped to keep the property up, but decided to deed the property to a worthwhile historical organization that would ensure the house and its adjoining buildings would be restored. In Nov. 2005, after a couple of failed efforts from other organizations, the Pee Dee Rifles Camp #1419 approached the Wilkins family. Our efforts were warmly and enthusiastically met by the Wilkins family. In accordance with the agreement between the Rifles and the Wilkins, the camp established the Pee Dee Rifles, Inc., which is recognized as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization by the State of SC and the US Dept. of Revenue. In June 2006, the property was deeded to the PDR, Inc. with a formal hand-over ceremony being held at Red Doe in November of last year.

The Wilkins family asked of only two stipulations: that the house and outbuildings be restored or in the process of restoration while in our hands and that a state historical marker be placed. We have applied for a number of federal, state, and private grants and have begun fundraising activities to support our endeavor. We have a BBQ plate sale scheduled for April 28th and a poker run set for Aug. 4th. We have also established a membership drive where interested individuals and organizations can become a part of the Red Doe experience. We naturally have big plans for Red Doe. The War Between the States Museum in Florence will be moved out to the site. It will become headquarters for the Pee Dee Rifles

Camp, the Ellison Capers Chapter of the UDC, and the 8th SC Vol. Inf. Reenactors. Several other organizations have asked to also take part, such as the Marion's Men of Rev. War reenactors, the Pee Dee Chapter of Wildlife Action, and local DAR units. The house will be available for weddings and halls and the property for encampments and reenactments. The museum will be expanded to include all wars and individuals have pledged their collections to it once it is up and running. Officially, the title is:

RED DOE PLANTATION Home of The WAR BETWEEN THE STATES & U.S. MILITARY MUSEUM

The Wilkins family has also agreed to deed even more property adjoining ours once restoration efforts begin. As you can imagine, restoration efforts to the old buildings will be expensive. Earlier this year, we were blessed with generous donations from two local contractors

and several hard-working individuals that resulted in a new roof and shoring up of the front columns of the main house. Anyone interested in joining the Pee Dee Rifles, Inc., make a donation, or require additional information, please contact Mr. Sandy Kendall, Vice-President at (843) 665-1665 or skendall@sc.rr.com or Mr. Carl Hill at (843) 669-1266 or carlhill@bellsouth.net.



CONFEDERATE Checkered Flag

With his public remarks about our Flag NASCAR's CEO Bill France has now opened up a real can of worms! Following his anti-Confederate Flag comments on ESPN, the SCV, joined by real Southerners everywhere, have significantly increased the number of Confederate Battle Flags flown by race fans from coast to coast, and especially in the South. The SCV has produced and is handing out thousands of the new "Confederate Checkered Flags" at NASCAR events.

Recently, fans at Atlanta, Charlotte and Darlington races have thoroughly enjoyed the new and more colorfully prominent décor. A HUGE aerial banner of the new Flag has also been flown over the raceways. It's been reported that when it flew over the cheers were so loud and boisterous that it actually drowned out the roar of the race cars. The drivers probably couldn't hear it but you can bet Bill France, ESPN and the pit crews could!

So, how do you like them apples, Mr. France? You keep on honking and we'll just keep on flying the Flag...and the plane too. One day some smart racing team owner may just realize that a "General Lee" Dodge Charger on the track would not only be an overwhelming fan favorite, but a BIG \$\$\$ maker too. Hmmm...anybody got a race car?



ed in a different style.

Evander Gregg married Ms. Sophrinna Harris of Columbia. As well as a prosperous farmer, Evander was also presiding elder at Hopewell Baptist Church



(which also still stands). He enlisted in the 3rd SC State Troops in Aug. 1863 and served as its Sergeant Major. His only child from this marriage was Henry J. Gregg, who served as a private in Co. 1, 7th SC Cavalry. Henry was severely wounded at the Battle of Five Forks and died in a Farmville, VA hospital in April, 1865. Evander Gregg also supported the Pee Dee Naval Yard, located not three miles from his home. Vouchers show that he sold the yard corn, bacon, and fodder in the last two years of the war.

Gregg sold his property to Simon Lucas of Charleston in 1867 and moved to Spartanburg. Within the year, he lost his wife from disease and moved to Arkansas. However, Lucas was unable to pay off his debt to Gregg and the property reverted back to Evander. He in turn sold it to his brother Ephraim E. Gregg. Ephraim was also a war veteran, having served in the Pee Dee Light Artillery. Ephraim did not keep the property long, selling it to Robert L. Singletary in 1867. Evander would never return to SC. He remarried and spent his twilight years in Marietta, GA.

Captain Robert L. Singletary (1830-1910) was a railroad builder and was a primary operating officer of the Wilmington & Manchester Railroad. At the outbreak of war, he formed the "Jeffries Creek Guards" who became Co. H, 8th SC Volunteer Infantry. In 1862, he resigned his commission to take a post as military operator of the Charleston & Savannah Railroad. Gen. Wade Hampton praised Singletary as the man most responsible for getting the troops and supplies out of Charleston in Feb. 1865. Robert saw that posterity returned to the property. He also had the bottom of the main house closed in as a full basement and additional living areas. A small building behind the main house, believed to be a kitchen, was converted into an office for Dr. James F. Pearce. Dr. Pearce was a surgeon in Kershaw's Brigade during the war and was a typical country doctor afterwards, traveling from location to location, calling on his patients. The

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alongside us in our quest to ensure the true history of the South is made known.

That means is that it's up to us - and us alone, it would appear - to continue working to ensure that hate groups understand that they won't be allowed to misuse the banner of our ancestors without consequence. If watching a handful of misfits waving *our* flag while wearing swastikas and speaking longingly of Hitler and his murderous ilk doesn't get you mad, it's not likely anything will.

That's okay, because standing up for the battle flag and, by association, the Confederate soldier's good name, is one of the responsibilities that proudly come with being a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Flag at the Soldiers Monument: "I like it" or "I don't like it". WRONG! There's a third: "I support the Compromise". The "I like it" crowd is easy...that's us. The "I don't like it" folks are the same old worn out fools who have been honking since way before 2000. But be very, very careful of the "I support the Compromise" individuals.

We don't agree with Brad Warthen, John Monk, Rev. Joe Darby, Sen. Darryl Jackson, Rep. Todd Rutherford, et al, but at least they tell you straight up, "I don't like it", and we know exactly where they stand. When it comes to the Flag, they are our "enemies" and no amount of dialogue or even compromise will ever change their position.

Now, this third group is playing not-so-subtle politics. They haven't shown their

cards and won't unless cornered. And that always happens at election time. So they hide behind a non-committal statement like "I support the Compromise". Well, that's just fine, Mr. Legislator, but do you support flying the Confederate Battle Flag at the Soldiers Monument? It's either "YES" or "NO". No political mumbo jumbo, a "YES" or "NO" will do just fine.

Case in point: Recently Rep. Ted Pitts(R) of Lexington County, a huge bastion of Confederate heritage pride, was lured unknowingly into Brad Warthen's editorial web and made an anti-Flag comment that he would soon regret. The minute his comment went public all hell broke loose in his district. He quickly penned a very eloquent *Letter To The Editor* and sent it to the media and, in particular, *The*

State newspaper. Miraculously, his *Letter* not only made the very next day's *State*, but it was, in fact, the very first one! (My God, what are the odds?) He even quickly called Division Commander Burhage to "explain" himself!

If space could only allow, we'd love to print both Warthen's column (not really) and Pitts' *Letter*. Suffice it to say that Rep. Pitts acknowledged having gotten a "crash course in Confederate heritage" from his constituents and closed his *Letter* by saying, "I support the Compromise". Now that doesn't really tell us much, does it? That's just damage control.

Legislators, know this and know it certain: The Son of Confederate Veterans, along with many other kindred organizations, and the over **1,000,000** South Carolinians with Confederate ancestry and deep Southern roots, may not collectively be able to field and elected a Governor or Legislator or US Senator, but we can certainly determine who **LOSES** an election. Just ask one-term Governor and once-aspiring US Senator, David Beasley and single term Governor Jim Hodges. They treaded on our Flag of honor and got soundly squashed. And don't forget Georgia's flag-stupid one-term Governor Roy Barnes who paid the ultimate political price as well.

Legislators, good ole election time is a comin'. So how say ye, "YES" or "NO"? It's simple as that.

Hunley crew in early 1864, Dixon tells what they had to endure:

"... My headquarters are on Sullivan's Island and a more uncomfortable place cannot be found in the entire Confederacy. For the last six weeks I have not been out of the range of shells and often I am forced to go in close proximity of the Yankee battery. If you wish to see the war every day and night, this is the place to see it. Charleston and its defenders will occupy the most conspicuous place in the history of the war, and it shall be as much glory as I shall wish if I can inscribe myself as one of its defenders." ^a

Dixon and the *Hunley* crew covered themselves with glory. The population of Charleston, too. The last involvement of USS *Montauk* in the War was less glorious: while stationed off Washington D.C., in late April 1865, the vessel served as platform for the first exhibition of the body of John Wilkes Booth.

^a Original letter kept at the Mobile Public Library, Eustace Williams Collection. Quoted also in Brian Hicks and Schuyler Kropf, *Raising the Hunley, The Remarkable History and Recovery of the Lost Confederate Submarine*, Ballantine Books, pp. 63-64.

A Forgotten Image

Of What Charleston Had To Endure, 1863

Documental war photography was in the beginnings during the mid 19th century. From the Mexican War to the Crimean war up to several minor European conflicts few photographic pictures had been taken. And they didn't show real combat action. Even dead soldiers were seldom shown. It was not until the War between the American States of 1861-65 that war photography emerged with a sometimes scaring graphic power. Anyway, weight and size of the cameras, together with exposure times of the lenses of that time did not allow depiction of action scenes, like cavalry charges, soldiers fighting in trenches, etc.

The photograph shown, blurred and out of focus because it was taken in the most dramatic circumstances, is one of the very few graphic documents of the War that show a real combat scene: a floating battery of three Federal monitors engage targets on Sullivan's Island, Charleston Bay. From one of the Confederate fortifications (possibly Battery Marion, west of Fort Moultrie), an anonymous photographer took the picture while under fire: if you have a closer look, you may see the black cloud beneath the turret of the monitor on the right shows it has just fired its guns.

The U.S. Naval Historical Center has

identified the three Yankee vessels as (from left to right): USS *Weehawken*, USS *Montauk* and USS *Passaic*. The date is given as 8 September 1863. Unfortunately no information exists about the heroic war photographer who made his stand and took the picture under heavy naval bombardment.

The ship in the centre, the *Montauk*, was one of the most devastating monitors in the bombardments of Charleston. From April to September 1863 it participated in constant attacks against Fort Sumter and the Charles-

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Children of the Confederacy, Christopher Sullivan (Greenville), National Commander-in-Chief; Michael Givens (Beaufort), ANV Commander; and Brag Bowling, ANV Councilman from the Virginia Division.

Spartanburg's Mark Simpson, Division



Adjutant and Adjutant-in-Chief, General Staff and General Executive Council, was very much on the convention scene.

His Adjutant's Report, verifying voting credentials, outlining standing rules, Division membership summary, proposed and actual budget, and auditor's certification of said budget, was well-received. Mark noted with evident pride that the South Carolina Division was #1 in the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Division Commander Randy Burbage of Hanahan welcomed all, anticipating "talking with each one, as we guide the best division in America into the future, defending our history and our heritage." He cited Division accomplishments in communications, with the Hunley Program, flag restoration project, and a revamped web site, while outlining slated work in a revamped awards program, and Sam Davis Youth Camp. The youth camp will be held this year in Batesburg-Leesville, July 30-Aug 4. Commander Burbage later conducted the fruitful but comparatively brief business session.

Division Lt. Commander Gene Hogan reminded all of the necessity of honoring

our heritage, better telling of our story, and building bonds of brotherhood, while keeping our political representatives aware of the on-going struggle to get out the true story of the purpose of the SCV. Lt. Commander Hogan gave well received report on SCV efforts with NASCAR unveiling a new Confederate Battle/Checkered Flag to be handed out to nearly a thousand race fans at all NASCAR races in the future.

Compatriot/author Donald Kennedy addressed the convention as the keynote speaker following outdoor luncheon beneath beautiful Charleston skies. With a very rousing, obviously pro-Southern, and quite patriotic talk Mr. Kennedy provided an overview of his new book, *The South Was Right*.

Compatriot Jack Marler of Simpsonville, SCV National Field Representative, addressed the convention briefly, including in remarks that we should focus on youth, Sam Davis Camps, new members, the Hunley Experience video/CD, education about and preservation of the Elm Springs, SCV International Headquarters, and the Southern Mercury magazine.

One exceptional highlight of the convention, other than crossing the colossal Ravenel Bridge several times, was the post-convention BBQ at the Hunley - Warren Lasch Conservation Center at the old Naval Base. The amazing saga of the Confederate Submarine *Hunley*, recovered from Charleston Harbor after being sunk for 130 plus years, is told in full from her awesome exhibit in the Conservation Center.

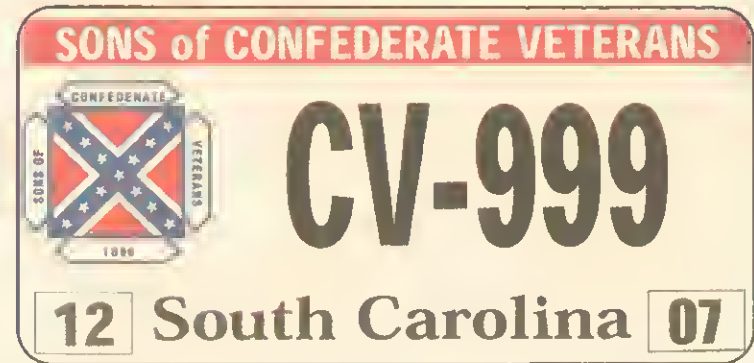
The 2008 Convention is slated for March 14-15, at Saluda River Shoals in Irmo, South Carolina. The 15th Regiment SC Volunteers Camp #51 will be the host Camp. Make plans NOW to attend!



ton Harbour area. The terrible effects of the Federal naval artillery on the city are well known in History. This forgotten photograph is an important graphic document because it shows the day-by-day endured by the defenders of Charleston and let you imagine what the civilian population had to suffer.

In a letter of Lt. George E. Dixon to Capt. John Cothran, of his former company at 21st Alabama, written while he was training the

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Black History Month - The Confederate Way

On February 17, the W.E. James Camp #74 of Darlington held a memorial service and Confederate Cross of Honor dedication ceremony at the Darlington Memorial Cemetery for two brothers, Ferdinand and Samuel Keith, who were buried there as well as 14 other brave men from Darlington County who valiantly served their country and state in the Confederate Army. These soldiers just happened to be black!

On a cool, overcast winter morning with the threat of rain eminent, people from all over the state gathered in a cemetery to pay tribute to 16 Southern Heroes from Darlington County, South Carolina. ROTC students in their crisp black and white uniforms from Darlington High School acted as hosts, greeters, and parking attendants, passing out programs and welcoming everyone as they arrived. As the crowd gathered with all eyes darting skyward anticipating a wet greeting from the heavens, there came a sense of peace and calm where there had been a feeling of awkwardness and anxiety between two races assembled together in unfamiliar surroundings. Then, as the service began, the clouds parted, the sun shined through and as the chaplain exclaimed in his opening remarks, "God takes care of his Southern children."

In attendance were the mayor and several city council members of Darlington, board members from the cemetery and county archives, SC Division Commander of the SCV, SC Division President of the UDC, SC Division Lt. Commander and SC Division Chaplain of the SCV, many SCV Camp Commanders, and over one hundred others who came out to honor these men. The mayor of Darlington remarked in his greetings from the town of "how proud he was to be a part of such an honorable ceremony that has brought together so many people from different backgrounds to honor their ancestors who shared a similar place in history" and commended the Sons of Confederate Veterans as an organization that "diligently preserves the history of the South and honors all her heroes no matter the ethnicity."

In an unscheduled address from the board chairman of the Darlington Memorial Cemetery, he professed that the Sons of Confederate Veterans have through their actions "returned this piece of ground that had become just a graveyard to a peaceful cemetery and place of eternal rest again." He expressed his and the community's thanks to the Sons of Confederate Veterans for their efforts.

The special guest of honor was US Air Force Master Sergeant (ret.) Francis Hood, a direct descendant of the Keith brothers. During the ceremony, it was obvious that he was emotionally affected by the proceedings and afterwards remarked that he "was extremely proud of his heritage" and of what the SCV had done to honor his ancestors.

Commander Ken Howle of the Pee Dee Rifles Camp in Florence, as key-note speaker, shared the important part that men of color played in Confederate service and that many volunteered to fight for their families and homes. Commander Howle explained that in the Union Army men of color were segregated and received only half pay compared to their white counterparts, whereas in the Confederate Army they fought shoulder to shoulder with their white comrades and received full pay and those who were not already, were offered their freedom for their service.

As each soldier's name, rank, and regiment was called out before man and God, the lone ring of a bell amid the pause of silence brought to everyone the true sense of these sons of the South dedication and their sacrifice to their homeland.

"Amazing Grace" sung by a local musician, touched the hearts of all who attended. Then with the assistance of the Harlee Guards and an artillery battery, gun salutes and cannon volley followed by *Taps* concluded the ceremony to honor the good men which was long overdue.

After the service there were many hand shakes and introductions and expressions of gratitude between the people of two different races who only an hour earlier were leery to speak to each other and whom many were wondering what to expect from the day's event until realizing we share a common heritage.

A Southern Heritage!

The Sons of Confederate Veterans honors all who bravely served in the Confederate forces defending their family, their home, and their country.

Well done, men of the W.E. James Camp #74 and all the Compatriots in the Pee Dee of South Carolina!



The Charge

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will submit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate Soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles he loved and which made him glorious and which you also cherish. Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations."

The Charge is the official "Mission Statement of the Sons of Confederate Veterans"

Lt. Gen. Stephen Dill Lee
Commander General, United Confederate Veterans Reunion at New Orleans, 1906



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